

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1           Claim 1 (currently amended): A joint connector comprising:  
2           a terminal received by a terminal receiving chamber in a connector housing; and  
3           a coupling member to electrically connect a plurality of terminals with each other,  
4           wherein a supporting part to slidably support the coupling member is provided at a wall of  
5           the terminal receiving chamber, the supporting part being arranged to form a sliding path along a  
6           lengthwise direction of a wire received by the terminal,  
7           wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided at the terminal to clip the coupling member  
8           at a slide end of the supporting part.

1           Claim 2 (original): The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,  
2           wherein the supporting part at the wall to slidably support the coupling member is a notch,  
3           wherein a positioning member, with which a side part of the coupling member comes into  
4           contact, is provided at starting side of a slidable part of the notch to prevent the coupling member  
5           from lateral displacement.

1           Claim 3 (original): The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,  
2           wherein the supporting part at the wall to slidably support the coupling member is a notch,  
3           wherein an engaging part to prevent the coupling member from lateral displacement is  
4           provided at stopping side of a slidable part of the notch,  
5           wherein a mating part to be engaged with the engaging part is provided at the coupling  
6           member.

1           Claim 4 (currently amended):       A joint connector comprising:  
2           a terminal received by a terminal receiving chamber in a connector housing; and  
3           a coupling member to electrically connect a plurality of terminals with each other,  
4           wherein a supporting part to slidably support the coupling member is provided at a wall of  
5           the terminal receiving chamber,  
6           wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided at the terminal to clip the coupling member  
7           at a slide end of the supporting part ~~The joint connector as claimed in claim 1,~~  
8           wherein the coupling member has a joint piece, a plurality of slidably contacting pieces being  
9           continued to the joint piece, and a vertically contacting piece being provided vertically on each  
10          slidably contacting piece,  
11          wherein the vertically contacting piece is clipped by the resiliently clipping members of the  
12          terminal.

1           Claim 5 (currently amended): A terminal comprising:  
2           an electrically contacting part at one side; and  
3           an electric wire connecting part at the other side,  
4           wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided between the electric contact part and the  
5           electric wire connecting part to clip a coupling member, said coupling member connecting the  
6           terminals with each other, said coupling member having a pair of free ends extending along a  
7           lengthwise direction of a wire received by the terminal, the free ends being formed to receive and  
8           clip said coupling member when said coupling member slides along the lengthwise direction of the  
9           wire.

1           Claim 6 (currently amended): A terminal comprising:  
2           an electrically contacting part at one side; and  
3           an electric wire connecting part at the other side,  
4           wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided between the electric contact part and the  
5           electric wire connecting part to clip a coupling member, said coupling member connecting the  
6           terminals with each other ~~The terminal as described in claim 5,~~  
7           wherein the resiliently clipping member has a rear anchor continued to the electric contact  
8           part and a pair of free ends, said free ends being continued to the rear anchor and clipping the  
9           coupling member.

1           Claim 7 (original): The terminal as described in claim 6,  
2           wherein the pair of free ends is continued to the rear anchor and extended in a longitudinal  
3           direction of the electric contact part.

1           Claim 8 (original): The terminal as described in claim 6,  
2           wherein while the pair of free ends is formed in a folded shape, a tip part of each free end  
3           rises in a direction orthogonal to the longitudinal direction of the electrically contacting part.

1           Claim 9 (original): The terminal as described in claim 5,  
2           wherein the tip part of the resiliently clipping member is formed to have a tapered opening.

1           Claim 10 (previously presented): The joint connector as described in claim 1, wherein a  
2           terminal is used in the joint connector, wherein the terminal comprises:  
3           an electrically contacting part at one side; and  
4           an electric wire connecting part at the other side,  
5           wherein a resiliently clipping member is provided between the electric contact part and the  
6           electric wire connecting part to clip a coupling member, said coupling member connecting the  
7           terminals with each other.

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